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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 23, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted:

In the Claims:

1. (Original) A method for placing a group order, mediated by a system having one or more computers, the method comprising the steps of:

publishing, by a publisher, information about a quantity of a material;

subscribing, via a subscriber, to a topic comprising said information;

receiving, via a subscriber, said information;

aggregating, via a subscriber, said information from at least one of said publishers; and

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